# Build a Bridgeman Console Table

## Use the Bridgeman Console Table Plans to Construct This Simply Beautiful Table!

A console table was actually one of the first pieces of furniture I ever built… The Bridgeman console table plans would be the perfect first project – with two drawers and a roomy lower shelf, this table is simple in construction and looks. It is the perfect piece for any room style!

## Materials:

- 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws
- 2-1/2″ pocket hole screws
- 1-1/4″ brad nails

- Edge banding, optional
- 1 set of 16″ Drawer slides
- Cabinet pulls
- Wood glue
- Sandpaper (100, 150, 220 grits)
- Finishing supplies (primer & paint, or stain, sealer)

## Lumber:

- 1 – 1×2 at 6′
- 1 – 1×2 at 8′
- 2 – 1×6 at 8′
- 4 – 2×2 at 8′
- 1 – 2′ x 2′ sheet of 1/4″ plywood
- 1 – 2′ x 2′ sheet of 1/2″ plywood
- 1 sheet of 3/4″ plywood

## Cut List:

- 6 – 2×2 at 28-1/2″ – Legs
- 2 – 2×2 at 16″ – Frame Sides
- 2 – 2×2 at 48″ – Frame Front & Back
- 2 – 3/4″ plywood at 7-3/4″ x 16″ – Side Panels
- 2 – 3/4″ plywood at 7-3/4″ x 21-3/4″ – Back Panels
- 1 – 3/4″ plywood at 19″ x 48″ – Lower Shelf
- 3 – 1×2 at 16″ – Side Stretchers
- 4 – 1×2 at 21-3/4″ – Front & Back Stretchers
- 1 – 3/4″ plywood at 16″ x 45″ – Top
- 1 – 3/4″ plywood at 16-1/4″ x 46-1/2″ – Bottom
- 2 – 1×2 at 16″ – Drawer Spacers
- 1 – 2×2 at 16″ – Center Drawer Spacer
- 2 – 3/4″ plywood at 13-3/4″ x 19-1/4″ – Drawer Box Bottoms
- 4 – 1×6 at 14-1/2″ – Drawer Box Sides
- 4 – 1×6 at 20-3/4″ – Drawer Box Front & Back
- 2 – 1/2″ plywood at 6-3/4″ x 21-1/2″ – Drawer Front Base

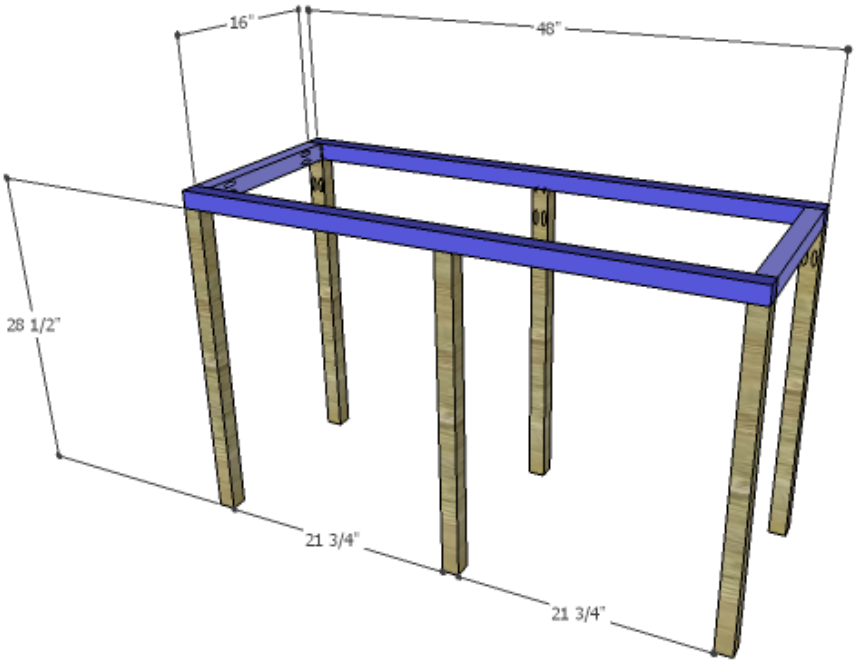
- 4 – 1/4″ plywood at 2-1/2″ x 21-1/2″ – False Drawer Fronts
- 2 – 1/4″ plywood at 1-1/2″ x 21-1/2″ – False Drawer Fronts

*Click on the drawings for a larger view!*

## Step One

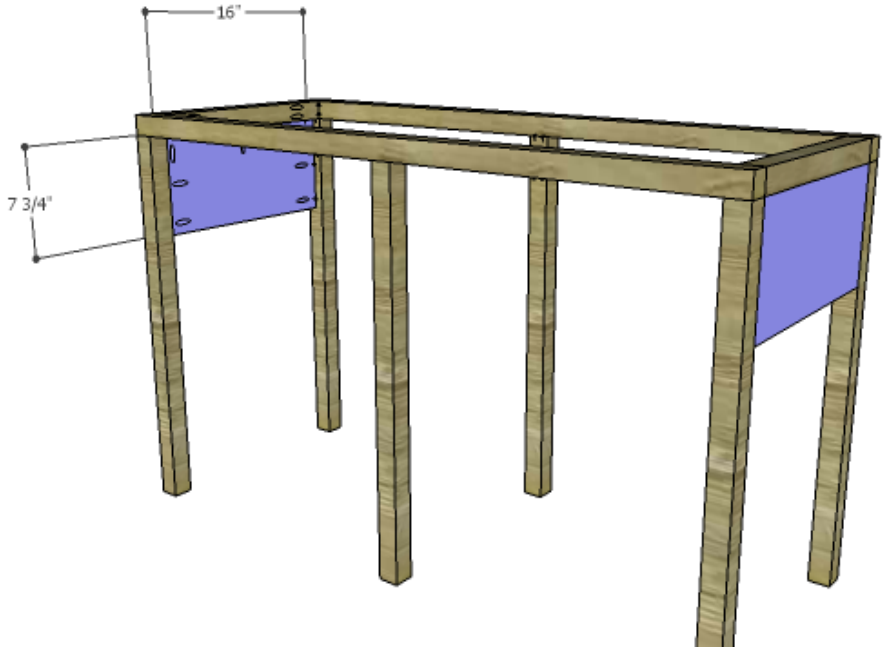
Edge banding will be applied to the exposed edges of the plywood prior to assembly!

Cut the pieces for the legs, frame sides, and frame front and back. With the pocket hole jig set for 1-1/2″ material, drill pocket holes in each end of the frame sides as will as the top edge only of each leg. Assemble the frame as shown using glue and 2-1/2″ pocket hole screws.




## Step Two

Cut the pieces for the side panels. Set the pocket hole jig for 3/4″ material and drill pocket holes in the side and top edges. Secure the side panels to the frame sides and the legs using glue and 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws. The outside face of the panels will be flush with the outside face of the legs.



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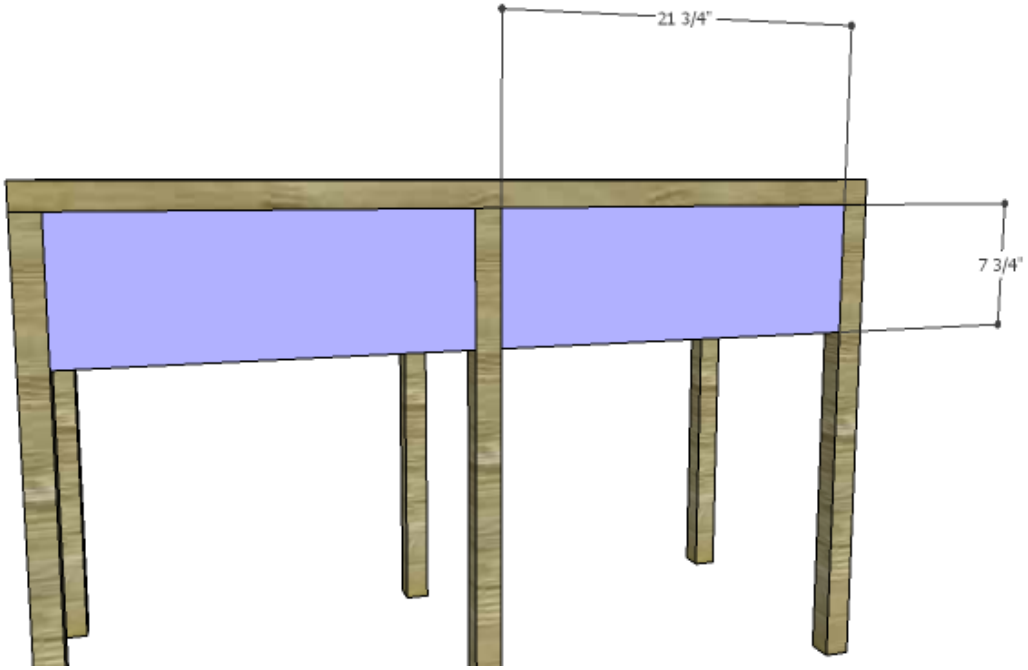
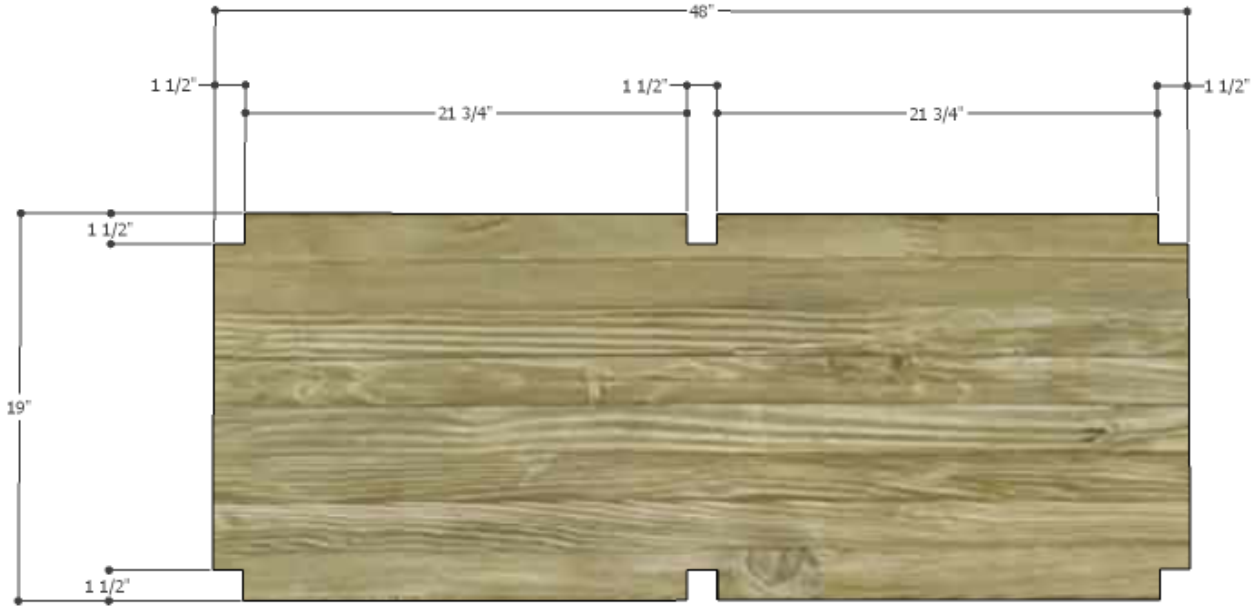
Cut the pieces for the back panels. Drill pocket holes in the side and top edges. Secure the back panels using glue and 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws. The outside face of the panels will be flush with the outside face of the legs.




## Step Four

Cut the piece for the lower shelf and cut the notches using a jigsaw.

Cut the pieces for the stretchers and drill pocket holes in each end. It will be easier to position the shelf on the legs and clamp it up toward the sides of the cabinet while the stretchers are secured to the legs (using glue and 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws). Then bring the shelf down and secure it to the stretchers using glue and 1-1/4″ brad nails.


48"
1 1/2"
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21 3/4"
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1 1/2"
1 1/2"
19"
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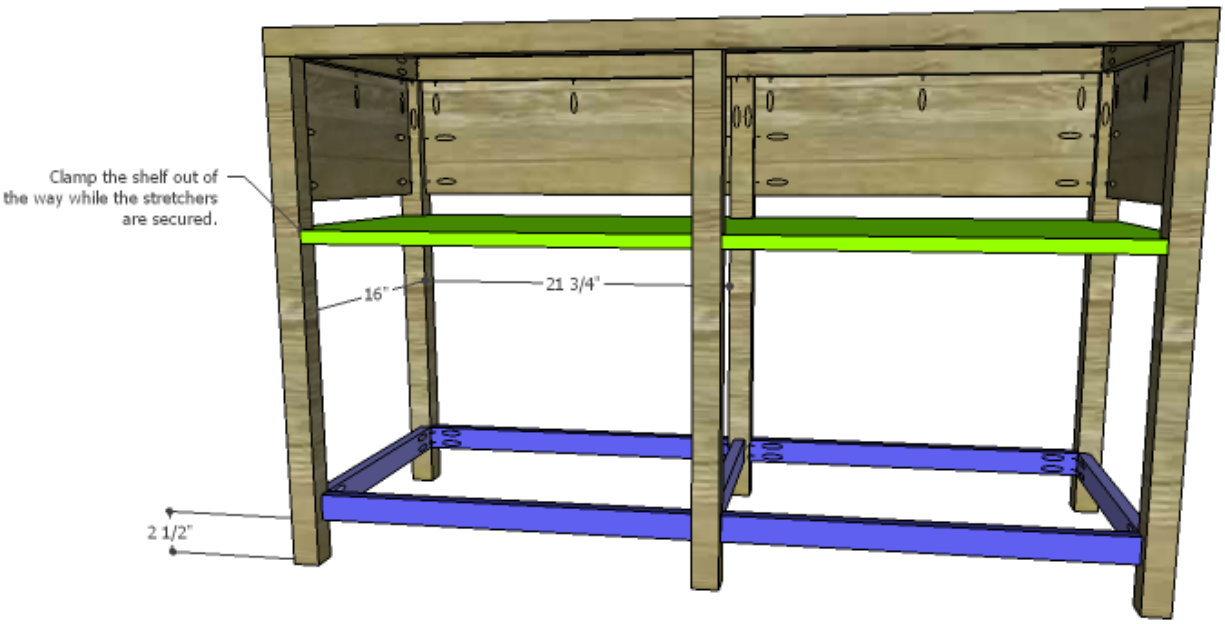
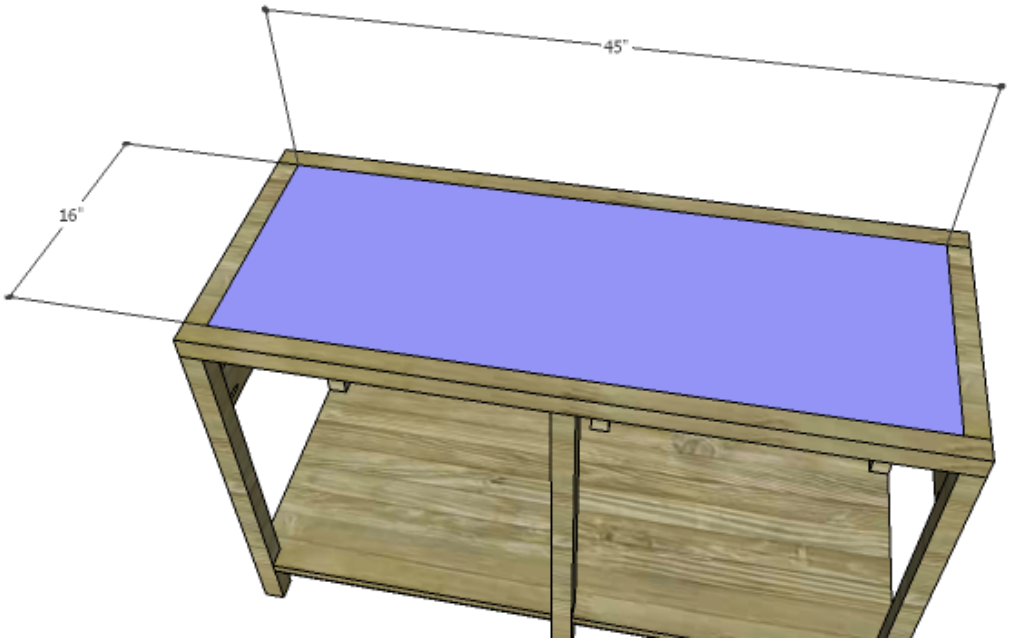

Clamp the shelf out of the way while the stretchers are secured.
16"
21 3/4"
2 1/2"

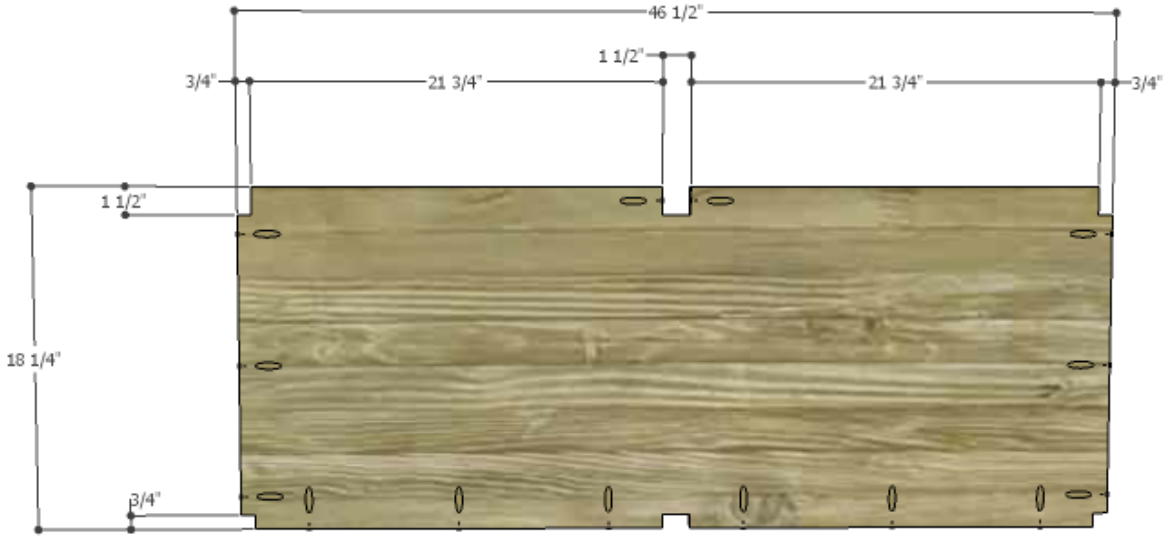
## Step Five

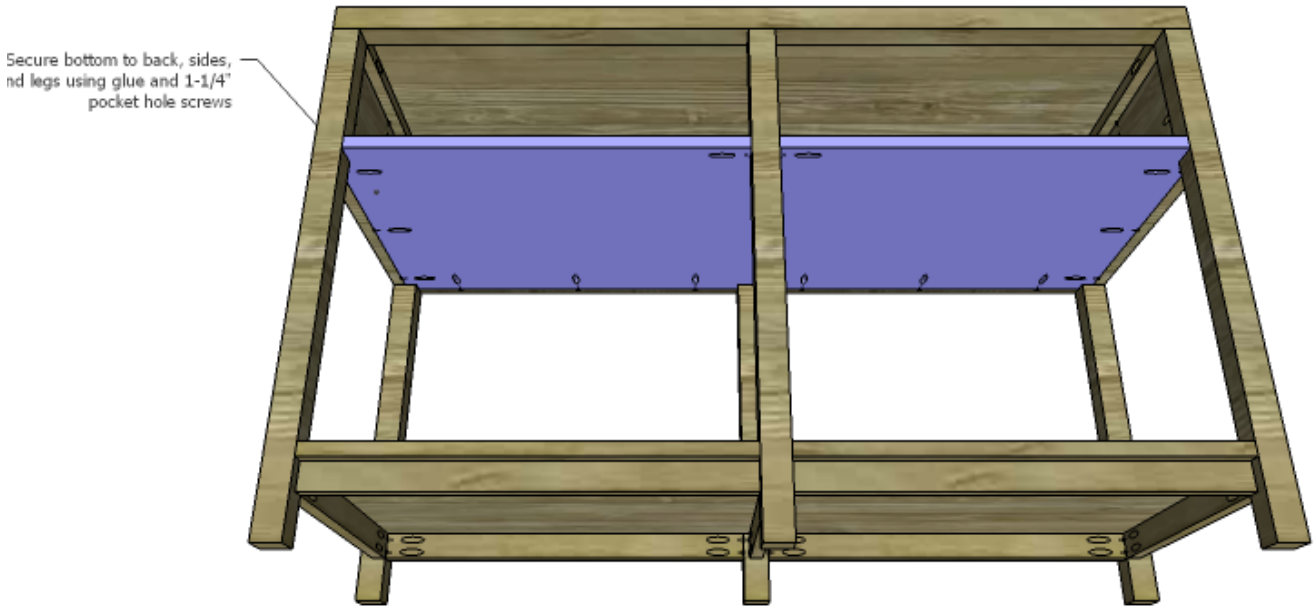
Cut the piece for the top and drill pocket holes in all four edges. Secure the top to the frame pieces using glue and 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws. The top face will be flush with the top face of the frame pieces.



## Step Six

Cut the piece for the bottom and cut the notches using a jigsaw. Drill pocket holes as shown, using a portable jig to drill the pocket holes in the notches. Secure the bottom to the legs, sides, and back pieces using glue and 1-1/4″ pocket hole screws.

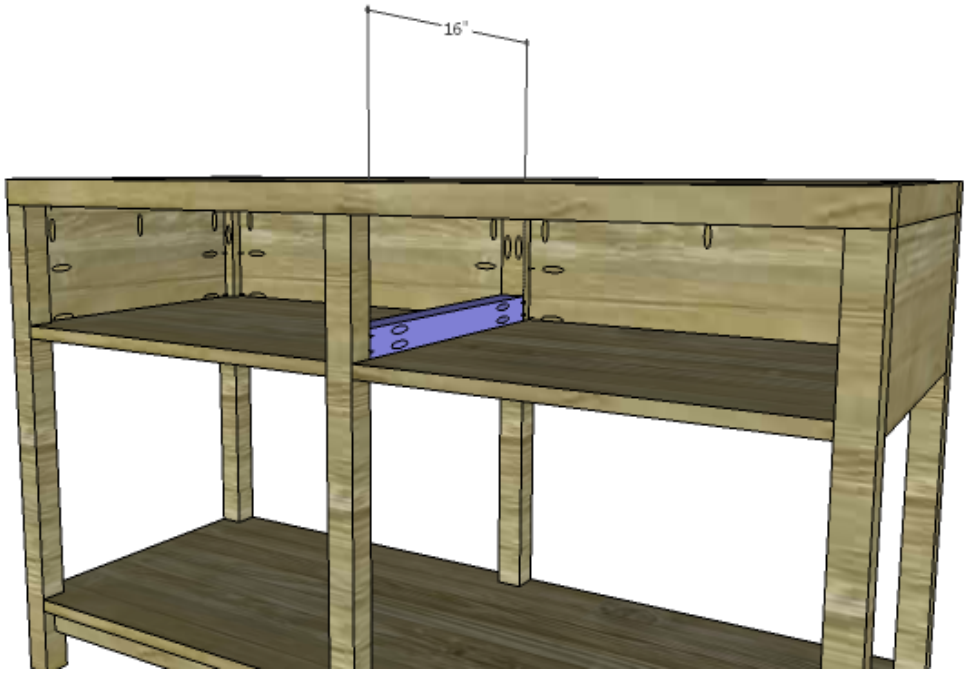


## Step Seven

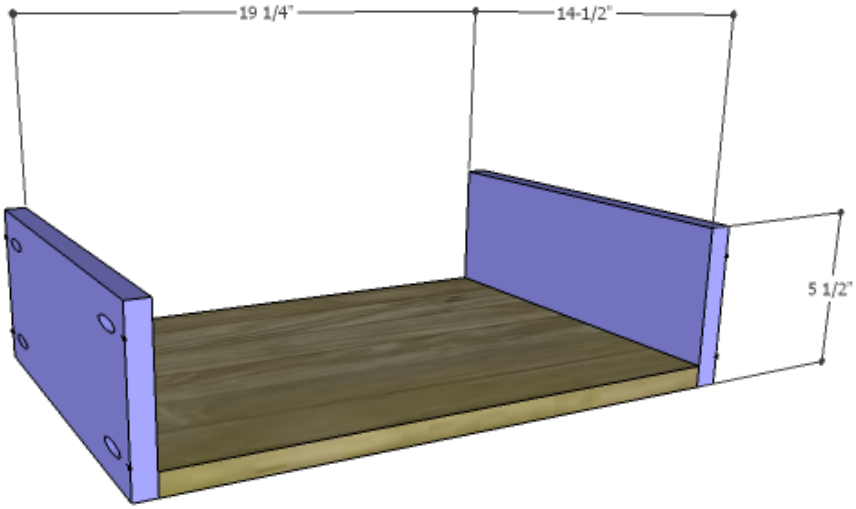
Cut the pieces for the drawer spacers. Secure the 1×2 spacers to each side of the cabinet using glue and 1-1/4″ brad nails.

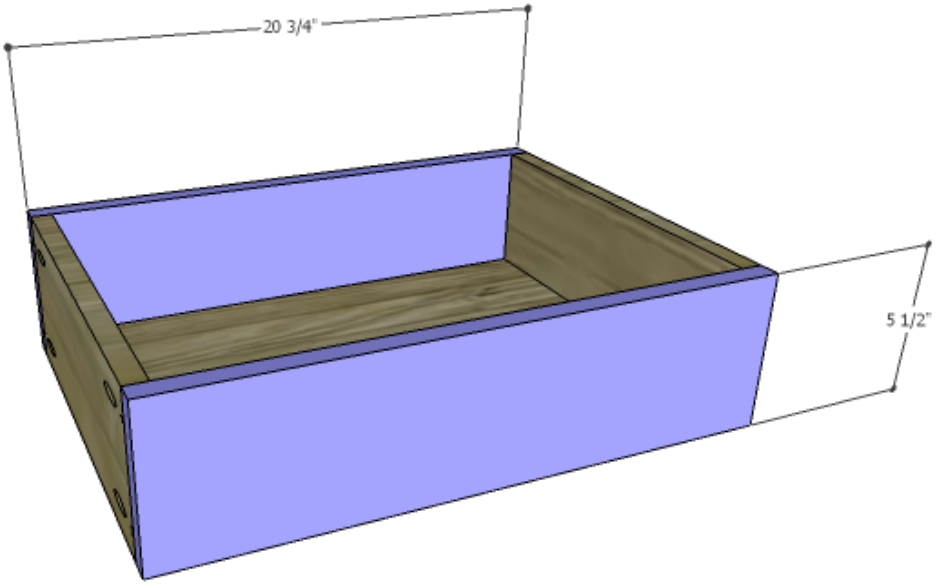
Set the pocket hole jig for 1-1/2″ material and drill pocket holes in each end. Secure to the center legs on top of the bottom using glue and 2-1/2″ pocket hole screws.



## Step Eight

Cut the pieces for the drawer boxes. Drill pocket holes in all four edges of the bottom as well as each end of the sides. Assemble the drawer boxes as shown using glue and 1-1/4” pocket hole screws. Install the drawer slides according to the manufacturer’s installation instructions, locating them ¾” back from the front edge of the sides. For an easy tutorial, click here. Make any necessary adjustments.

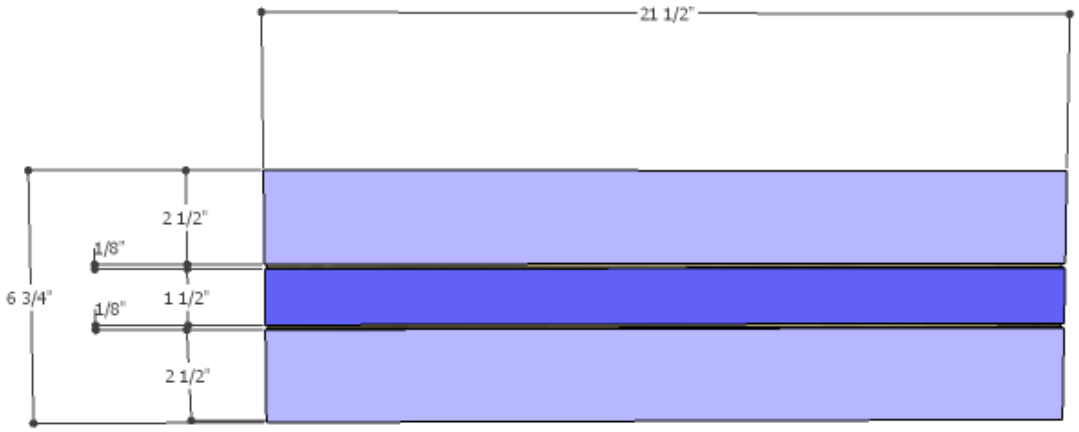


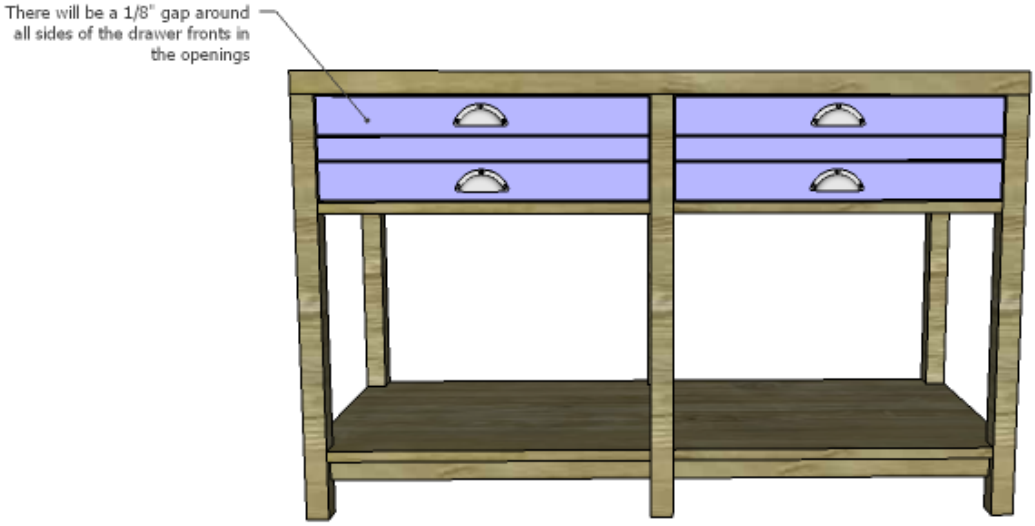



## Step Nine

Cut the base pieces for the drawer fronts. Cut the pieces for the false fronts from the 1/4″ material. Position on the base using glue with the edges flush and a 1/8″ gap between the pieces, and clamp until dry.

Mark the position for the drawer pulls and drill the holes. Shim the drawer front in the opening – there will be a 1/8” gap around all sides – then drive screws through the holes for the drawer pulls into the drawer box. Open the drawer, and secure the drawer front using countersunk 1-1/4” screws from the inside. Remove the screws from the holes for the drawer pull then finish drilling the holes. Install the drawer pull. For an easy tutorial on installing drawer fronts, click here.






Finish as desired.

This console table would look great in a dining room, an entryway, or behind a sofa. The table would also look amazing in a dining room to store linens and fabulous dishes! Have any questions about the Bridgeman console table plans? Leave a comment below or contact me at cher {at} designsbystudioc {dot} com!